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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,787,924

AL German OS 198 21 741

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

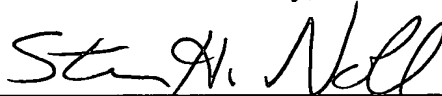
The above references were cited in a Search Report rendered by the Swedish Patent Office during examination proceedings for the Swedish application corresponding to the present United States application. Both of the references were cited in Category "A" as general technological background information. A copy of the Swedish Search Report is submitted herewith.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith. Since Reference AA is in English, no further commentary concerning its teachings is necessary. An English translation of Reference AL is not readily available to the Applicants, however, an English language Abstract is attached thereto.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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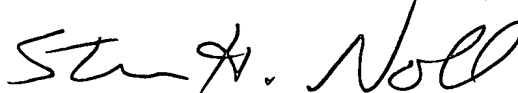
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